

PATENT



Docket No.: 050432-0123

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Amit MARATHE, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3796

Application No.: 10/811,866 : Group Art Unit: 2812

Filed: March 30, 2004 : Examiner: T. Nguyen

For: COMPOSITE BARRIER LAYERS WITH CONTROLLED COPPER INTERFACE

SURFACE ROUGHNESS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Office Action dated June 27, 2005, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, requiring election of one of the following:

Group I: Claims 1 through 10, directed to a device; or

Group II: Claims 11 through 18, directed to a method.

In response Applicants elect to prosecute method claims 11 through 18 (Group II). Favorable consideration of claims 11 through 18 is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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